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For : Programmable, Fluid Pressure Actuated Blood Processing Systems and Methods

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2002.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including September 4, 2002, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please consider the following set of pending claims 1 to 38, of which claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 25; 26; and 35 have been amended, as attached in clean form as well as in marked-up form showing changes in the amended claims relative to the previous version of the claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):